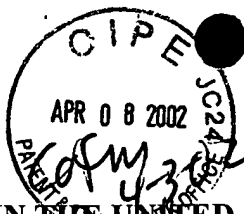


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Appl. No. : 09/770,540)
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Interview with the Examiner on March 4, 2002 and to the Office Action mailed on January 3, 2002.

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner states that Claims 1-24 are pending even though Claims 13-19 were canceled in a Preliminary Amendment that added Claims 21-24. The Examiner is reminded of the existence of the Preliminary Amendment in the Response filed July 5, 2001 (Paper No. 3) containing a traverse to the Examiner's June 19, 2001 restriction requirement. In addition, the Examiner is reminded, as per our Interview, of the existence of a Response to the First Office Action filed October 1, 2001, which is hereby submitted as an attachment with this document.

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner objected to Claims 6, 9-10 as being a substantial duplicate of Claim 6 of the Schuegraf reference U.S. Patent 6,197,634. However, the